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1. In contrast to previous reports that the State Committee for Material Procurement would either be abolished or become a subordinate part of the State Planning Committee, it is now known that the Committee will retain its present independent status. There will be changes in the table of organization of the Committee.
2. As far as can be determined at the present time, the Department for Locally Controlled Economy (Ortliche Wirtschaft) is to be extended greatly.
3. The head of the Department for Chemistry, Ernst Roetter, is planning to rid himself of two subordinates, Schulz (fnu) and Nitzschke (fnu), whom he considers to be informants rather than technical experts.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment: A State Secretariat for Local Economy was formed in November 1953. A Department for Locally Controlled Economy has not previously been identified within the State Committee for Material Procurement.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly a translation of the German term Berichterstatter.

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